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7.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
9.  37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
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11.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS  
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12.  Preliminary Amendment
13.  White Advance Serial No. Postcard
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(if foreign priority is claimed)
15.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27
16.  Other: Request for Priority, Form PCT/IB/304

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below:

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Prior application information: Examiner: J. Befumo Group Art Unit: 1771

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18. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

- This application is a  Continuation  Division  Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
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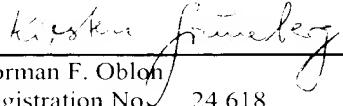
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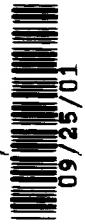
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### REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/147,476, filed February 25, 1999, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**.
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
GERMANY	196 27 409.5	July 6, 1996
GERMANY	196 27 240.6	November 2, 1996
WIPO	PCT/EP97/03380	June 27, 1997

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/EP97/03380 filed on June 27, 1997. Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
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